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SUBJECT: 2010 Annual Report

The Grants Office operated on a budget of \$188,840 in 2010. The department is staffed by two persons: myself and Carla Chiasson, Grants Specialist.

The mission of the Grants Office is to actively pursue grant funding, as well as manage existing grant agreements for projects and programs for St. Charles Parish. Actively pursuing grant funding involves researching all leads on grant funding for feasibility and applying for and securing grants to help fund Parish projects and programs. Managing existing grant agreements involves ensuring that the Parish adheres to grant agreements by monitoring the status of the project or program, working closely with the department personnel involved with the project or program, completing status reports, submitting requests for reimbursement, as well as completing other reports necessary to close-out the grant following the completion of the project or program.

St. Charles Parish was awarded the following grants, allocated, and appropriated funding totaling \$20,752,512 in 2010:

- \$125,000 in Gustav/Ike Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funding for improvements to the Bonnet Carre Spillway Boat Launch;
- \$1,448,724 in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding to install Automatic Bar Screen Cleaners on the Lakewood Pump Station;
- \$10,000 grant from Keep Louisiana Beautiful to fund the 2010 Trash Bash event;
- \$150,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to fund Phase I of Rathborne Park in Luling;
- \$151,831 grant through the Louisiana Government Assistance Program to construct a Driver's License Bureau;

- \$353,000 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to retrofit the HVAC equipment of the Courthouse;
- \$11,109,764 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding to install Automatic Bar Screen Cleaners at the Dianne, New Sarpy, Engineer's Canal and 80 Arpent Pump Stations, as well as capacity increase improvements at the 80 Arpent Pump Station;
- \$4,336,486 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for culvert improvements along #10 Canal, Ormond Boulevard and Willowdale Boulevard/Beaupre Drive;
- \$300,000 State of Louisiana Appropriation to provide supplemental funding for construction of the Animal Shelter;
- \$100,000 State of Louisiana Appropriation to provide supplemental funding for the construction of the Emergency Operations Center;
- \$139,000 grant through the Louisiana Government Assistance Program to construct an Equipment Storage Facility;
- \$100,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to fund Phase III of Killona Park, which includes a parking lot and lighting for the two baseball fields;
- \$2,328,707 in additional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for the Cousins Canal Pump Station Auto Bar Screen Cleaner to cover 100% of the project's construction cost; and
- \$100,000 grant from the Delta Regional Authority to fund the St. Charles Riverpark Waterline in Killona.

Senator Joel T. Chaisson, II, and Representative Gary Smith were instrumental in aiding the Parish in securing the state appropriations for the Parish.

In addition to some of the aforementioned grant applications that were submitted and awarded funding during 2010, the Grants Office is awaiting approval of the two (2) Gustav/Ike Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applications totaling \$883,375 in allocated funding for the Wind Retrofit of the Courthouse and Primrose Drive Drainage Improvements in Luling. These applications are currently under review by FEMA. An application for Statewide Flood Control funding through the Department of Transportation and Development for the West Bank Hurricane Levee was submitted in December and is under review. The Grants Office also submitted the following applications for funding: Coronado Park and Mimosa Park Drainage Improvements projects for FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Program funding totaling \$1,353,712 and a Community Water Enrichment Fund application for additional funding in the amount of \$142,800 for the Evangeline Road Waterline Upgrade.

Projects funded with grant monies that were completed in 2010 include the Trash Bash, Rathborne Park Walking Trail, Wetland Watchers Park improvements, installation of shutters at the East and West Bank Waterworks Offices, West Bank Multi-Use Path Phase II from Elm Street in Hahnville to Davis Drive in Luling and the path extension from Davis Drive to the Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion, and installation of Auto Bar Screen Cleaners at the Schexnaydre, Cousin's Canal and Paradis Pump Stations.

In addition to the grants awarded, grant applications under review, and projects completed with grant funding in 2010, there are several grant agreements managed by the Grants Office for Parish programs that are ongoing and projects that are in design or under construction. The Grants Office will continue to manage these grant agreements to help ensure successful completion of the programs and projects. The Grants Office will also continue to seek grant funding opportunities for future Parish projects and programs.

As a final note, the Grants Office offers limited assistance to those in the community interested in applying for grants for private businesses, non-profits or individuals. While the office cannot prepare applications for non-governmental entities, it can offer information on available funding. Those requesting help for personal needs are referred to the Department of Community Services, which administers federally funded programs to assist those meeting certain eligibility requirements.